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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6910

INFO AMCONSUL AUCKLAND

AMEMBASSY SUVA

HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN

CINCPAC

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SUBJECT: INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING: THE ENNA G

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; SAIPAN FOR TRENT

REF: WELLINGTON 1852 (POUCHED AUCKLAND & SUVA)

1. SUBJECT REFTEL SHOULD BE SAME AS ABOVE.

2. ADDITIONAL EMBASSY OBSERVATIONS:

3. AS HAS BEEN REPORTED PM KIRK LAYS ADMIRABLE EMPHASIS ON CONSISTENTLY CARRYING OUT GNZ POLIIES. IN THIS CONTEXT HIS INTRODUCTION TO REPORT OF MFA, MARCH 31, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED CONTAINS FOLLOWING PASSAGES:

I. "THE GOVERNMENT WHICH I LEAD IS DETERMINED TO FIND AND HOLD TO A FIRM MORAL BASIS IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY."

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II. "...GOVERNMENT AID WILL RISE FROM \$19.4 MILLION

IN 1972-73 TO...AND ESTIMATED \$62 MILLION BY...1975-76
...THE GREATER PART OF GOVERNMENT AID WILL CONCENTRATE
...ON THE PACIFIC WHERE WE SHALL CONCENTRATE...(INTER
ALIA...ON EXPORT EARNINGS."

III. "IN GIVING AID WE SHALL PAY CAREFUL AND CONSTANT
ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
ASPIRATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS."

4. COMMENT: THUS PM IS COMMITTED TO A "MORAL" (AND
LAUDABLE) PROGRAM OF INCREASING AID TO ISLANDERS TO
INCREASE THEIR EXPORTS IN THEIR INTERESTS. AS I
WRITE I CAN SEE THE ENNA G TIED UP AT WELLINGTON WHARF.
CONSERVATIVE LEADERS OF PACIFIC ISLAND GOVERNMENTS
DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT PM DOES NOT CONTROL NZ SEAMEN'S
UNION. DEMURRAGE AND OTHER CHARGES ON ENNA G ARE
RUNNING INTO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

5. JULY VISIT OF FOL PRESIDENT TOM SKINNER TO
SUVA AT END OF WHICH HE MADE SOME BLUNT REMARKS
AT PRESS CONFERENCE HAS PROBABLY INCREASED TENSIONS ON
INTERRELATED QUESTIONS OF UNION ACTIVITY AND SHIPPING
(WILL REPORT MORE ON THIS LATER)
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